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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA [redacted]

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION OF SENIOR ARGENTINE AIR FORCE OFFICIALS TO THE TEMPORARY KIDNAPPING OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS: THEIR BELIEF THAT THE KIDNAPPINGS WERE CARRIED OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

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1. ON 16 MAY 1982, [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)
SENIOR LEVELS OF THE AIR FORCE WERE DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE TEMPORARY KIDNAPPING OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN BUENOS AIRES IN MID-MAY. AIR FORCE GENERAL OFFICERS KNEW THAT THE KIDNAPPINGS WERE CARRIED OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, THE OPERATIONAL ARM OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE). AIR FORCE OFFICERS PRIVATELY COMMENTED THAT IT APPEARED AS THOUGH PRESIDENT LEOPOLDO (GALTIERI) WERE BEING

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UNDERMINED BY THE INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS OF HIS OWN MILITARY SERVICE BY ITS PERMITTING SUCH UNFORTUNATE BEHAVIOR AT THE WORST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

2. [redacted] AIR FORCE OFFICERS DID NOT KNOW WHAT LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT HAD AUTHORIZED THE KIDNAPPINGS. [redacted] AIR FORCE OFFICERS HAVE EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED GALTIERI'S NEED TO REIN IN THE SECURITY SERVICES. AIR FORCE OFFICERS REALIZE, HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT BE EASY BECAUSE THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS THAT THEY WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE PUBLICIZED. 3.3(b)(1) 3.3(b)(1)

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